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Sir:

The references cited on attached PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B forms are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Cite no. 78 is a copy of the International Search Report issued for the corresponding International application, PCT/US00/03819. Cite No. 65 is a copy of a press release announcing that Elan Corporation, plc and Pharmacia Corporation entered into a research collaboration focused on the discovery of small molecule inhibitors of beta-secretase for the

treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. assignee of the instant application, is affiliated with Elan Corporation, plc.

Applicants also cite commonly owned copending applications and issued patents directed to related subject matter:

08/480,498, filed 06/07/95, issuing as US Patent 5,744,346 on April 28, 1998;
08/485,152, filed 06/07/95;
08/659,984, filed 06/07/96, issuing as US Patent 5,942,400 on August 24, 1999;
08/660,531, filed 06/07/96, issuing as US Patent 6,221,645 on April 24, 2001;
09/054,334, filed 04/02/98, issuing as US Patent 6,329,163 on December 11, 2001;
09/404,578, filed 09/23/99;
09/471,669, filed 12/24/99;
09/501,708, filed 02/10/00;
09/723,722, filed 11/28/00;
09/723,739, filed 11/28/00;
09/724,568, filed 11/28/00;
09/724,566, filed 11/28/00;
09/724,569, filed 11/28/00;
09/724,571, filed 11/28/00; and,
10/099,922, filed 03/15/02;

Applicants further cites the following commonly owned abandoned applications directed to related subject matter:

60/114,408, filed 12/31/98;
60/119,571, filed 02/10/99;
60/139,172, filed 06/15/99;
60/168,854, filed 12/02/99; and,
09/730,329, filed 12/04/00.

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